

Controlled Hunt Information

Controlled hunt is a term used to describe a hunt with a limited number of tags, unlike a general season, which allows unlimited numbers of hunters. Controlled hunts are often desirable because of location and timing, and success rates are usually higher than general season hunts. Controlled hunt tags are allocated by a random drawing.

Application Dates

Key dates:

- **Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat: April 1-30.**
- **Successful applicants will be notified by June 10.**
- **Second drawing application period: June 15-25.**
- **Second drawing June 30.**

To apply, see instructions on pages 36 - 37. Controlled hunt applications may be submitted at any hunting and fishing license vendor, Fish and Game office, by telephone at 1-800-554-8685, or online at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. (Rules for deer, elk, pronghorn and black bear controlled hunts are different and covered in their own brochure and Website section).

Notice: A person may apply for only one species. Any person applying for any moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat hunt is prohibited from applying for any other big game controlled hunt in the same year. Except: They may apply for a controlled depredation hunt for deer, elk, or pronghorn, a controlled black bear hunt, or leftover deer, elk or pronghorn controlled hunt tag, an unlimited controlled hunt, or extra deer, elk, pronghorn, or turkey hunt.

Eligibility

Any person possessing a valid Idaho hunting license is eligible to apply for controlled hunts subject to the following restrictions:

- Holders of a Nongame Hunting License or Hunting Passport may not apply for any controlled hunt.
- Any person may apply for one tag for antlered moose or one tag for antlerless moose.
- Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for moose may not apply for any controlled moose tag except leftover tags for a period of two years.
- Any person who has harvested an antlered moose in Idaho may not apply for any moose tag except an antlerless moose tag or an antlered moose tag in the second drawing. Any person who has harvested an antlerless moose in Idaho may not apply for any moose tag except an antlered moose tag or an antlerless moose tag in the second drawing.
- Any person may apply for an unclaimed or a leftover moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat tag.

- Any person whose name was drawn for any controlled hunt for either subspecies of bighorn sheep may not apply for any bighorn sheep tag for two years.
- Any person who has killed a California bighorn ram or Rocky Mountain bighorn ram, on any controlled hunt in Idaho may not apply for a tag for the same species, except any person who has killed a California bighorn ram south of Interstate Highway 84 since 1974 and is otherwise eligible, may apply for a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram tag for any hunt north of Interstate Highway 84. Any person, who has killed a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram north of Interstate Highway 84 since 1974 and is otherwise eligible, may apply for a California bighorn ram tag for any hunt south of Interstate Highway 84.
- No person applying for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep controlled hunt as a first choice shall apply for a California bighorn sheep controlled hunt as a second choice. No person shall apply for both a Rocky Mountain and a California bighorn hunt the same year.
- Any person may obtain a Special Auction or Special Lottery tag for bighorn sheep.
- Any person may obtain a Super Hunt tag for moose.
- Any person who has killed a mountain goat in Idaho since 1977 may not apply for a mountain goat tag.
- Any person whose name was drawn for a controlled hunt for mountain goat and who failed to harvest may not apply for any mountain goat tag for two years.
- **Tag Transfer to Youth:** The holder of a controlled hunt tag for big game or turkey may transfer that tag to his or her child or grandchild under the age of 18 who is otherwise qualified to participate in the hunt. A form provided by Fish and Game must be used to designate the tag, which can only be done at a Fish and Game office, in person or by mail. The child or grandchild may be designated only one controlled hunt tag per species per calendar year. The transfer must be made before the opening date of the hunt.
- For more information about the rules for tag transfer to a minor child or grandchild, please contact the local Fish and Game office or visit us online at <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/licenses/?getPage=68>.

Tags

No person may hunt in any controlled hunt without a valid controlled hunt tag in their possession. In the event a tag is issued based on erroneous information the tag will be invalidated by Idaho Fish and Game and may **not** be used. Fish and Game will notify the tag-holder of the invalidation of the tag. The person will remain on the drawn list, and if there is a waiting period in a succeeding year, the person will be required to wait the specified time period.

Nonresident Limitations

In controlled hunts with 10 or fewer tags, not more than one nonresident tag will be issued. Nonresident hunters are limited to no more than 10 percent of the total number of controlled hunt tags for each species. (Special bighorn sheep tags available by auction and lottery are not included in the 10 percent limitation.)

In controlled hunts with more than 10 tags, not more than 10 percent of the tags will be issued to nonresidents.

Requirements

Only one application per person or group will be accepted for the same species. Additional applications for the same person or group for the same species will result in all applicants being declared ineligible.

- Applications for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat controlled hunts may be made by telephone, at a license vendor, or online. The controlled hunt worksheet (opposite page) and fees may be sent by mail to any Fish and Game office. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30. The application period begins April 1.
- Any person may apply for a moose Super Hunt tag.

Fees

Resident controlled hunt fees for moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat tag, and application fee: \$173.

Nonresident controlled hunt fees for moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat tag, and application fee: \$2,116.50.

These fees include a nonrefundable application fee of \$6.25 for residents and \$14.75 for nonresidents; \$1 of this fee may be designated for the Citizens Against Poaching program. Application, and tag fees must be included with applications for moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat.

A single payment, either cashier's check, money order, certified check, or personal check, may be submitted to cover fees for all applications in the same envelope when using the controlled hunt worksheet.

Controlled Hunt Application Instructions

To Complete the Application Worksheet: Enter the complete **four digit hunt number** of your first and second (optional) choice. Controlled hunt numbers are found in the left hand column of the controlled hunt tables. The hunt numbers are subject to change each year so be sure to use this 2015 and 2016 Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Seasons and Rules brochure when applying for any moose, sheep or goat controlled hunt in 2015 or 2016.

Each hunting license has an 11-digit number. Enter the complete hunting license number.

Group Applicants: Two hunters may apply on the same application for turkey, black bear, moose, sheep, or goat. Up to four hunters may apply on the same application for deer, elk, or porcupine.

Unreadable, Incomplete Applications: Any application that is unreadable, has incomplete or incorrect hunt or license numbers, or that lacks the required fee will be declared void and will not be entered in the drawing. Any person desiring to change an application after it has been submitted may cancel it at a regional Fish and Game office or headquarters. You must pay all fees again when re-applying.

Application Hours: Applications may be processed over the telephone 24 hours a day, seven days a week, April 1 through midnight Mountain Time April 30.

Telephone Applications: Applications for controlled hunts for moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat can be placed over the phone by calling 1-800-55HUNT 5 (554-8685). Fees must be paid by either Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Telephone applications are processed by an independent contractor. The charge for processing telephone applications is **3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50**. These charges will be explained by operators before the transaction is completed. This fee is in addition to the \$6.25 resident and \$14.75 nonresident (per person, per species) nonrefundable application fee and the tag fee.

Internet Applications: Application may be made on the Fish and Game Website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Internet charge is **3 percent of the transaction plus \$3.50**. This fee is in addition to the \$6.25 resident and \$14.75 nonresident (per person, per species) nonrefundable application fee and the tag fee. Applications may also be mailed to any Fish and Game office.

Applications will be taken electronically at all Fish and Game license vendor locations in Idaho, beginning April 1, through midnight Mountain Time April 30, or the vendor's normal closing time.

Group Application is defined as two hunters applying for the same controlled hunt on the same form. Both hunters must comply with all rules and complete the application form properly. Both must abide by the same first and second choice hunts. If one applicant is ineligible to draw, the application will be declared void and will not be entered in the drawing.

Drawing results: It is the responsibility of the hunter to find out whether he or she was successful in drawing a controlled hunt.

Notification

Drawing results will be posted on the Fish and Game Website in early June. Look up results at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

It is the hunter's responsibility to verify results.

All applicants will receive either a tag or a refund check by mail no later than June 10. If purchases are made with a credit card, you will not receive a refund check, but a credit to your account by July 1. If you do not receive one of these by July 1, please call Fish and Game at 208-334-3700, or write to P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

Notice: Only tag fees will be refunded; hunting license fees and application fees (\$6.25 for residents and \$14.75 for nonresidents) will not be refunded if you do not draw. If applying by telephone or online, processing fees will not be refunded.

Leftover Controlled Hunts

Any tags leftover after the first drawing will be offered in a second drawing. Nonresident quotas and waiting period restrictions do not apply in the second drawing.

The application period for the second moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat drawing will be June 15-25, with the drawing around June 30. Remember, application and tag fees must be included. You may apply in the second drawing even if you have previously harvested a moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat in Idaho.

Leftover controlled hunt tags from the second drawing for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat go on sale July 10. You may purchase leftover tags even if you have previously harvested a moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat in Idaho. Nonresident quotas and waiting period restrictions do not apply to leftover tags.

Overpayment

Overpayment of fees of more than \$5 for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat applications will be refunded. Overpayments of \$5 or less will not be refunded and will be retained by Fish and Game.

- Single or group applications which are not drawn for the first choice hunt will automatically be entered into a second choice drawing, provided the second choice hunt applied for has not been filled.

Controlled Hunt Application Fees

Resident Controlled Hunt Fees	Nonresident Controlled Hunt Fees
For moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat, tag and application fee: \$173.00*	For moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat, tag and application fee: \$2,116.50*
*Fee includes nonrefundable \$6.25 controlled hunt application fee	*Fee includes nonrefundable \$14.75 controlled hunt application fee

Controlled Hunt Worksheet/Application

Applications can be submitted at any Fish and Game license vendor. Applications can be made using your credit card by calling 1-800-55HUNT 5 (554-8685). Internet applications can be made on the Fish and Game website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. The charge for processing phone-in applications is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50. The charge for internet applications is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$3.50. Controlled hunt worksheets can be mailed with proper fees to any Fish and Game office (see page 4).

Use this worksheet to speed up the application process. Fill in the blanks with your hunting license and controlled hunt numbers before you apply. Group applications: Two hunters may apply on the same application for moose, sheep or goat.

How Many Hunters Are Applying?

DESIGNATE \$1 FEE TO C.A.P?
(Citizens Against Poaching)

(Single application for moose, goat or sheep)

NAME #1

Yes

No

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

(Group application for moose, goat or sheep)

NAME #2

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

1st Choice Hunt Number

2nd Choice Hunt Number

Controlled Hunt Applicants: Use this form for one species application only.

You may photocopy this form.